

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri business that has contributed greatly to one of Missouri's most prosperous communities; and

Whereas, the Wal-Mart in Cameron, Missouri, will receive the prestigious Philanthropic Business of the Year award during a festive "Thank You" Banquet sponsored by the Cameron Community Betterment Committee to be held May 3, 2003; and

Whereas, the number one fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life for the past four years, Wal-Mart has donated more than \$59,000 to local organizations and put forth more than 4,000 volunteer hours in the last twelve months; and

Whereas, the sponsor of the Country Days Talent Show for the past six years, Wal-Mart helped the needy children of Clinton and DeKalb counties receive more than 300 Christmas presents through its "Angel Tree" program; and

Whereas, some of Wal-Mart's community service projects include adopting the Cameron Middle School to provide for the needs of the school and its students, decorating the Veterans Home at Christmas, providing free photos for residents at the Veterans Home each year, and sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt, Senior Citizen Bingo, and Grandparents Day bingo at the Elks Lodge; and

Whereas, Wal-Mart holds a "Teacher of the Year" contest and distributes \$1,000 to two local high school seniors in the form of scholarships; and

Whereas, Wal-Mart also donates to "Hometown Heroes", literacy grants, environmental grants, Camp Quality, the Special Olympics, YMCA, and local schools and youth organizations, and empowers employees by giving \$100 to the charity or non-profit group of the employee's choice in exchange for fifteen hours of the volunteer service:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to all those dedicated individuals affiliated with Wal-Mart at this proud moment of well-deserved recognition, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to provide the Cameron community with unwavering support and generosity; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Wal-Mart.

Offered by _____
Representative James O. Guest
District No. 5

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2348, adopted April 30, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker